(b) Out of the total crude oil imports of 121.6 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in the year 2007-08, 16 % crude oil was imported from Iran. Oil imports from Iran were 8.9% during 2008-09 (April-December, 2008). To avoid dependence on a single source, the Public Sector Oil Companies are presently procuring crude oil from as many as 26 countries spread over Africa, Asia, North and South America, Eurasia, Australia. In case of any future shortfall from Iran, supplies can be maintained by procuring additional volumes from other countries.

Performance of the private industries in oil and gas production

774. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the total production of crude oil and gas by the private sector industry during the last three years, wise and industry-wise;

(b) the total percentage of these production for the whole country as compared to the public sector oil companies;

(c) whether this sector has generated and export performance by export of these products;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government is coming out with any policy note regarding marketing of petrol and diesel by these private sector companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As far as Private/ Joint Venture(PVT/JVs) operator companies are concerned, M/s. British Gas, Cairn, Energy India Private Ltd., Essar Oil Ltd., Canoro Resources Ltd., Geoenpro, Hindustan Oil Exploration Corporation, Hardy Exploration & Production (India) Inc., Heramic, Hydrocarbon Resources Development Company (Pvt.) Joshi Technology. Inc, Oilex NL Holdings India Ltd. Selan Exploration Tech. Ltd., Niko Resources Ltd. etc. are producing crude oil & natural gas for the last three years as per the details given as under:

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Crude Oil Production (Million Metric Tonnes)	4.543	4.777	5.012
Natural Gas Production (Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres)	7251.88	6921.88	7623.332

(b) The crude oil production from Pvt/JVs is about 13% of the total country's production and 23% of the total gas production for the year 2007-08.

(c) and (d) No export of crude oil & natural gas has taken place during the above period.

(e) and (f) Pvt./JVs Companies operating under Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) regime have the domestic obligation for selling of crude oil & natural gas in the Country. Government of India have issued detailed guidelines for granting authorization to market transportation fuels, namely, MS,HSD and ATF to new entrants including the private sector *vide* its Resolution dated 8th March 2002.